Ganga Action Plan

*640. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the important schemes that have been formulated under the Ganga Action Plan Phase-II; and

(b) what are the names of schemes that will start in 1994 together with the budget allocation for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Under the Ganga Action Plan Phase-II, the schemes for pollution abatement of rivers Yamuna & Gomati have been approved. The other important schemes proposed by the State Governments under GAP-II relate to 10 towns of Uttar Pradesh, 11 towns of Bihar and 7 towns of West Bengal on the river Ganga besides the pollution abatement works for river damodar.

(b) The Yamuna and Gomati Action Plans are under implementation. A provision of Rs. 25 crores has been made in the current years's budget of the Ministry of Environment and Forests for implementation of schemes under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II.

Launching of "Project Elephant"

6594. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided some time back to launch "Project Elephant" on the lines of "Project Tiger";

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project elephant is under operation;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the step being taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government have launched "Project Elephant" in the year 1991-92, but not on the lines of "Project Tiger".

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Action against Pollution Spreading Industries

6595. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to initiate action against some of the large and medium industrial units listed in the category of 17 most polluting industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the defaulting units in each State as on date under the category of 17;

(d) the number of complaints so far received by Government in context of polluting industries in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Pollution Control Board has directed the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution * Control Committees of Union Territories to take legal action against the identified wilful defaulters from the 17 highly polluting categories of industries, who have not taken any steps to instal adequate pollution control equipment on or before 31st December, 1993.

(c) The State-wise details of the polluting units in the identified 17 categories of industries which have not taken any steps to instal adequate facilities to comply with the standards as on 31st March, 1994 are: